



**CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS
and
NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

Project: Geotechnical Investigation at the Port Park in Barrio Logan
Location: 1449 Cesar E. Chavez Pkwy, San Diego, CA 92101
Parcel No.: 021-002 and 021-029
Project No.: 2026-056
Applicant: Abraham Pineda, Capital Project Manager, Engineering-Construction, San Diego Unified Port District, 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 725-6058
Date Approved: 5/6/2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve a geotechnical investigation by Bowman Consulting Group and Ninyo & Moore (Contractors) on behalf of the San Diego Unified Port District (District) in the city of San Diego, California. The purpose of the proposed project is to identify on-site geotechnical properties for future improvements to the southeastern corner of the Port Park in Barrio Logan. Work to specifically complete the proposed project would involve conducting a topographical survey to identify existing on-site utilities and performing two (2) 8" diameter borings to depths of 50 feet. Once the soil samples are retrieved, the boring holes would be backfilled using cement and bentonite. The borings would be located in the southeastern portion of the park, adjacent to the existing parking lot and within the existing grass area (see Exhibit 1). Equipment required to conduct the geotechnical investigation would consist of a truck mounted drill rig, a support truck, and a pick-up truck. Prior to conducting the borings, the Contractors would mark potential subsurface conflicts to ensure the proposed work does not impact existing utilities. In accordance with Underground Service Alert (USA) requirements, the Contractors would obtain a USA DigAlert ticket prior to commencement of work.

Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to occur in approximately Spring of 2026 and would take approximately one (1) day to complete. All work would occur within the existing park footprint, and it is anticipated that up to three (3) parking spaces would be temporarily unavailable. The proposed project would require approximately three (3) personnel to complete work, including two (2) personnel for drilling and one (1) geologist.

Due to its nature and limited scope, construction of the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the District would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.

The following categorical determinations are based on the project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Class 6)/District Guidelines for Compliance with the CEQA Section 3.f: Information Collection

- 3.f. Information Collection: Includes basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which has not yet been approved, adopted or funded.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Section of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it is for the purpose of basic data collection and research which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA

Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, a 35-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply from the date a Notice of Exemption is posted with the San Diego County Clerk, or a 180-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply if no Notice of Exemption is filed.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District: 4 - Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal (Precise Plan Figure 13)

Land Use Designation: Park/Plaza

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve a geotechnical investigation at the Port Park in Barrio Logan consistent with the existing certified Land use designation. The proposed project would not change the use of the site nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the site.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusion: Section 8.e: Information Collection

8.e. Information Collection: Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major significant disturbance to an environmental resource.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Section of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above. This is appropriate for the proposed project because it would consist of a geotechnical investigation that would not result in a serious or major significant disturbance to an environmental resource.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(5) of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and operation of public buildings, public assembly and meeting places, convention centers, parks, playgrounds, bathhouses and bathing facilities, recreation and fishing piers, public recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, public golf courses, and for all works, buildings, facilities, utilities, structures, and appliances incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of those uses. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the proposed project is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

SCOTT CHADWICK
President/CEO

Determination by:
Lillian Mattes
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Planning

Signature: Lillian Mattes
Date: 5/6/2026

Deputy/Assistant General Counsel

Signature: Shiraz Tangri
Date: 5/6/2026

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Boring Locations

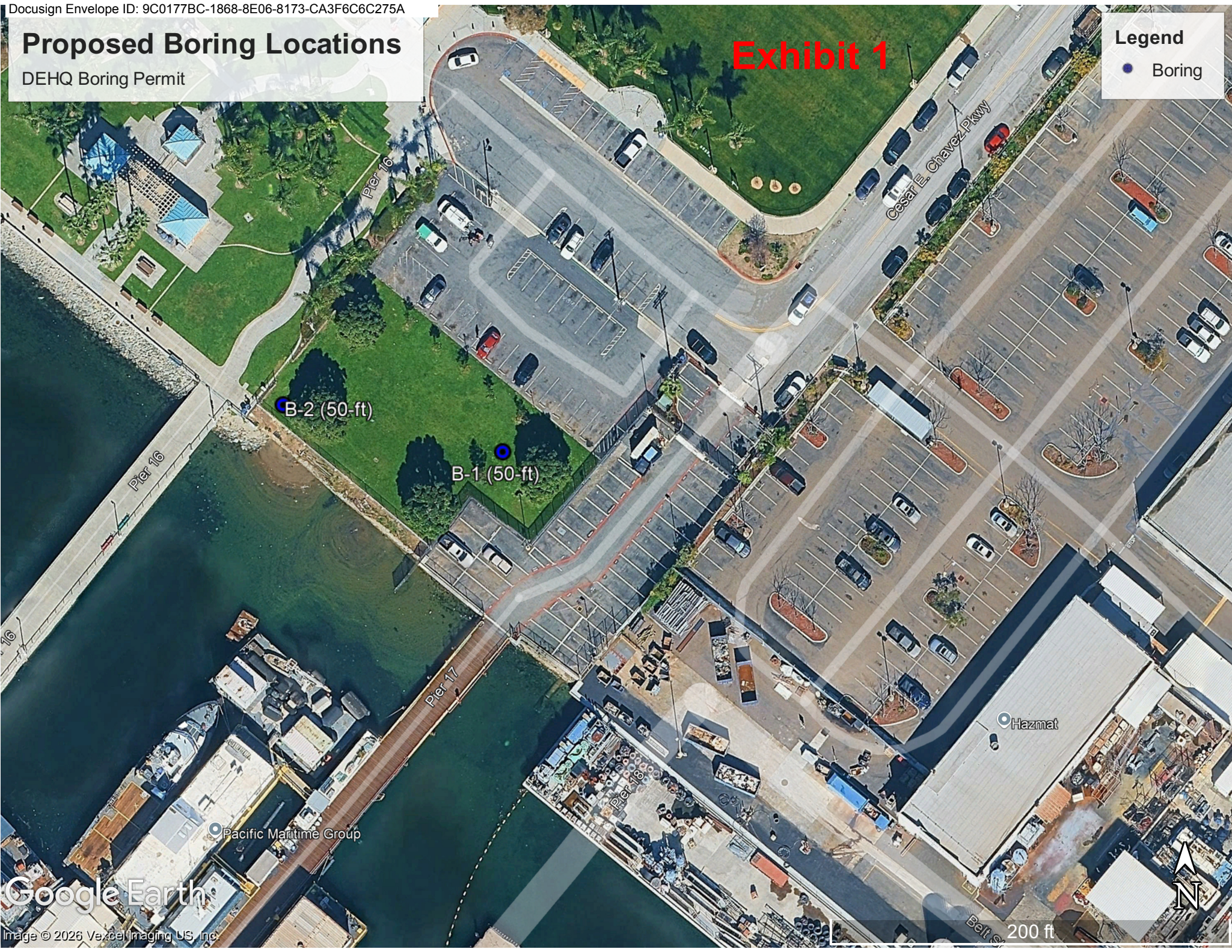
Proposed Boring Locations

DEHQ Boring Permit

Exhibit 1

Legend

- Boring



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